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Les Principes Biologiques de l'Evolution Sociale. By RENÉ WORMS.
(Paris: Giard and Brière, 1910. 2.50 fr.)

This brief monograph by Dr. René Worms discusses the application of biological principles in social evolution. Dr. Worms is chiefly known in English speaking countries as the author of *Organisme et Société* and as the head of the French school of organicists in sociology. He is also director of the *Revue Internationale de Sociologie* and secretary general of the International Institute of Sociology.

In his later writings Dr. Worms has not particularly emphasized the organic analogy, and, as he himself says, he sees many elements of value in approaching sociology from other sides than that of the organic analogy. In this monograph he takes up the general principles of biology, such as adaptation, heredity, and selection, and shows how these principles also apply in social evolution, regardless of the question of any analogy. He is undoubtedly upon firm ground in pointing out the social consequences of these biological principles. His thought is clear and at the same time suggestive. On the whole the monograph covers fairly well, though in a somewhat elementary way, the whole field of biological sociology, and must be considered an important contribution to that aspect of social theory.

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Phasen der Kultur- und Richtungslinien des Fortschritts. Soziologische Ueberblicke. By F. MÜLLER-LYER. (Munich: J. F. Lehmanns Verlag, 1908. 6 m.)

It is often said that sociology as a science has not been taken up by German scholars and has made no progress in German scientific circles. In opposition to this view we have the fact that many of the most recent and most valuable contributions to sociology have come from German sources. The recent works of Simmel, Barth, Ratzenhofer, to say nothing of those of older writers such as Gumplowicz and Schaeffle show that German students are doing their full share in the development of the new science. Besides the interest in sociology shown by German university professors there has also of recent years been a growing